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YES and Hallelujah! I am in favor of breastfeeding supplies/services being covered at no copay, no deductible for ALL breastfeeding women immediately after birth including pumps which are unaffordable for many of the women I work with. Pumps should be a 2 phase, double, electric pump with suction variability up to 200. A cheap pump can be more of a hindrance than a help so please supply a high quality pump! If women in this country are doing the work of breastfeeding (around 80% initiation rate as of 2011) then we can at least support them with needed services and supplies for no money out of their pocket. Most other countries support breastfeeding with paid maternity leave for months. Our breastfeeding continuation rates are still low in USA--- we can help women to breastfeed for longer by giving all breastfeeding women the services/supplies they need in a timely manner! Please also consider some prompting/funding for more IBCLC's to cover the uptick in demand for services--we need around 8/1000 births and currently there are only around 3-4/1000 births in most states. Thank you for the opportunity to give input. Sincerely, I am a RN,MSNR, IBCLC, La Leche League Leader and Breastfeeding Coalition member.